

[25th January 1928]

Corporation of Madras

Enquiry into the timber defalcations in the Corporation of Madras.

* 1428 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that there were serious defalcations in the timber tax accounts of the Corporation of Madras recently ;

(b) what the total amount involved was ;

(c) who the officers responsible for this loss to the Corporation are ;

(d) whether the Government have instituted any enquiry into the whole affair ; and

(e) if not whether they will be pleased to make an enquiry and take immediate steps to recover the amount from the persons responsible for the loss ?

A.—(a) The Government are aware that defalcations were suspected.

(b), (c) & (d) The Government have made no enquiry and cannot say either what amount was involved or who was responsible.

(e) No ; the matter is one for the Corporation.

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR :—“ In answer to clause (a) of this question the Government say that they are aware that defalcations were suspected. May I know from the hon. the Chief Minister why he has not made any enquiry into it ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ I believe an enquiry was conducted by the Corporation of Madras and the report is before them.”

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—“ May I know who the Commissioner was that was responsible ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ I want notice of the question.”

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR :—“ Are any of the Government officials lent by the Government responsible for the defalcation ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ I will have to look into the records.”

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR :—“ Is he shielding the officers ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ Certainly not.”

Education

Educational facilities for Muslim girls.

* 1429 Q.—BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) (1) the number of elementary and secondary schools specially intended for Muslim girls including training schools in the Presidency of Madras ; (2) the areas in which these are located ; and (3) the average strength of pupils in each of them for the past five years ;

(b) how many of these schools are maintained by the Government and how many of them are run by local and private agencies ;

(c) the expenditure incurred by the Government on these schools specially intended for Muslim girls in each year during the last five years ;